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## TANK, BRADLEY CREWS OF V CORPS' 1ST ARMORED DIVISION CONDUCT GUNNERY IN SOUTH KOREA

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**SEOUL, Republic of Korea --** Soldiers from V Corps' Comanche Troop, 1st Squadron, 1st U.S. Cavalry Regiment conducted tank and Bradley Fighting Vehicle gunnery at U.S. Forces Korea's Rodriguez Range in March.



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Soldiers from V Corps' Comanche Troop, 1st Squadron, 1st U.S. Cavalry, 1st Armored Division, transfer 120mm rounds between tanks during the unit's gunnery on South Korea's Rodriguez Range.

The range time is a bonus for the 1st Armored Division troops during the annual South Korea-based training exercise Operation Foal Eagle.

The Soldiers were already in the mindset of "laying rounds downrange," having conducted their annually required gunnery at the

Grafenwoehr (Germany) Training Area in January and February, so despite any obstacles, they "slid in to it," said Staff Sgt. Aaron Johnston, C Troop's 4th platoon sergeant.

"This gunnery really tested our abilities," he said. Johnston also commands the troop's tank number C4-4. "This isn't our equipment, so we didn't know what was wrong with it when we got it. But in three or four days we got it up and ready to qualify."

Another challenge the cavalry troops have had to adapt to is the range itself.

"This range is a lot more spread out than at Grafenwoehr," said Spc. Jose Alvarado, Bradley driver for C3-6. "We have to use our thermal (sights) because everything is so spread out and the targets blend in with the (landscape)."

Overall, the Soldiers of 1-1 CAV have found their trip to South Korea beneficial training.

If you go to the same range all the time you get lax because you know what is going to happen," said Pfc. Courtney Rayford, Bradley driver for C3-3. "(Rodriguez Range) is also more challenging than Grafenwoehr. It's always good to take on new challenges.

